



In re Application of:

KAZUMA SATO et al.

Application No.: 09/781,162

Filed: February 13, 2001

For: EXPENDABLE MANAGEMENT  
METHOD AND SYSTEM

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No. 00862.022116.

Examiner: A. Shah

Group Art Unit: 3625

Date: August 31, 2005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 15	MINUS	** 34	= 0	x \$25 \$50	-0-
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	*** 12	= 0	x \$100 \$200	-0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						-0-

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☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

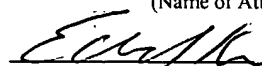
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination  
(RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

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